

ENTENTE REPLY WILL DEMAND GUARANTEES

Because Germany, Having in 1914 Proclaimed Its Contempt For Treaties, Cannot Pretend to Obtain Same Conditions as Powers Respectful of Signatories

NO BASIS REMAINS FOR PEACE PARLEYS

Outline of Reply Presented by Paris Newspaper Also Declares That the Legitimate Reparations and Restitutions Demanded by Lloyd-George Be Made

Paris, Dec. 30.—The allies' answer to the German note of Dec. 12 will be handed Ambassador Sharp to-night and will be published to-morrow, says Petit Parisien. It is long and sets forth again the responsibility of the central empires for the European conflagration. It insists on the legitimate reparations and restitutions demanded by the entente, as outlined by Premier Lloyd-George, and it also says that Germany, by failing to formulate proposals for peace, removes in advance any basis for parleys.

The note seeks to suggest that the Berlin cabinet, having proclaimed in 1914 its contempt for treaties, cannot pretend to obtain the same conditions as the powers respectful of signatories and must offer guarantees.

DRIVEN FROM TRENCHES.

Germans Could Not Stand French Bombardment.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The war office communication issued last night says: "Between the Aisne and the Oise our artillery carried out a destructive fire on German organizations in the region of Quennewies. Our patrols penetrated enemy trenches which had been badly shattered. They had been evacuated by the Germans."

"On the left bank of the Meuse the enemy violently bombarded in the afternoon our positions between the Meuse and Avocourt. We stopped several attacks that were attempted by means of grenades at various points on this front."

RUSSIANS LOSE TRENCHES.

Fighting in Carpathians Goes in Favor of Germans.

Berlin, by wireless, Dec. 30.—In the course of heavy fighting on the Transylvanian front yesterday, Russian troops entered entrenched Russo-Rumanian positions and pushed further ahead notwithstanding strong counter attacks, the war office announces. In Rumania the Russians and Rumanians are being driven back along the whole front between Mount Aina and the Danube.

FRENCH ATTACKS FAILED.

Berlin Says That Germans Hold Positions Just Captured.

Berlin, by wireless, Dec. 30.—Several attacks were made by the French yesterday on the Verdun front, says today's report from army headquarters. All efforts to retake positions in this sector were repulsed by the Germans.

UNLAWFUL PRICE BOOSTING.

Reported After Conference of Federal District Attorneys.

New York, Dec. 30.—After a conference here yesterday of federal district attorneys from Maine to West Virginia who are investigating the high cost of living, a statement was issued by George W. Anderson, United States district attorney at Boston in charge of the government's inquiry into food and fuel prices, declaring that "business men who hold or detain cars unnecessarily and unfairly are under just suspicion."

"If it is found," the statement said, "that such detention is a part of a combination to create scarcity, enhance prices and share in profits we do not believe that juries will look with lenient eyes on such action during these times."

NORWAY'S INTEREST SHOWN

Both in "Durable Peace" and in Shortening of the War.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—The note from the Norwegian government expressing lively interest in President Wilson's proposals "looking toward the establishment of a durable peace" and "deepest sympathy" with all the efforts to shorten the war, is as follows:

"It is with the most lively interest that the Norwegian government has learned of the proposals which the president of the United States has just made with the purpose of facilitating measures looking toward the establishment of a durable peace while at the same time seeking to avoid any interference which would cause pain to legitimate feelings."

"The Norwegian government would consider itself failing in its duties toward its own people and toward all humanity if it did not express its deepest sympathy with all efforts which could contribute to put an end to the ever increasing suffering and the moral and material losses. It has every hope that the initiative of President Wilson will arrive at a result worthy of the high purpose which inspired it."

PAROLE REVOKED.

Edward Clayton of Poulney Must Serve Sentence.

Rutland, Dec. 30.—Edward Clayton of Poulney, who was sentenced to the house of correction in 1911 from Rutland county court on a charge of burglary in the night time, has an extra period of two years to serve in the same institution because of a slight indiscretion on his part by getting intoxicated. Yesterday Sheriff E. C. Fish of West Rutland imparted this New Year's greeting to Clayton by reciting to him a warrant issued by Gov. Charles W. Gates. Clayton was found guilty of burglary in Rutland county court at the September term, 1911, and sentenced to the house of correction on Dec. 15, 1911, for not less than two and not more than four years.

At the expiration of his short term, he was paroled by Gov. Allen M. Fletcher and had been at liberty until Oct. 11 of this year, when he fell into the hands of the Rutland police, very much under the influence of liquor. He was tried in city court on a charge of intoxication, second offense, and sentenced to the county jail for 87 days.

Naturally he did not feel like reporting his "good behavior" to the probation officer on house of correction stationery, so a warrant was issued by Gov. Gates, committing the man to prison for the remainder of his sentence, or two years.

Clayton was notified of the plans of the officials yesterday, when the papers were served by Sheriff Fish. Clayton has been in city court under the name of Joseph Edwards, according to the police records.

NOT SAVED BY WAR.

Nation's Virility is Not Dependent on Fighting.

New York, Dec. 30.—War enthusiasts, who maintain that a nation will lose its inherited, virile virtues by going to war, are not supported in their theory by present biological knowledge in the opinion of Dr. Jacques Loeb, head of the department of experimental biology of the Rockefeller Institute. Dr. Loeb addressed the biological section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science on "Biology and the War" late yesterday. He contended that "the struggle for existence" and "survival of the fittest" are no "laws of nature" in the sense in which the terms "law" is used in the exact sciences.

"The biology of which the war enthusiasts make use is essentially antiquated," declared Dr. Loeb, "and so we need not be surprised to find that they consider war to be based upon what they call the 'biological law of nature,' the 'struggle for existence' or 'the survival of the fittest.'"

"These war enthusiasts maintain that unless a nation engages occasionally in war it will lose all those virile virtues for its survival. We do not need to argue whether the acts committed in a state of homicidal emotion are the real or only manifestations of courage; we may also overlook the manifestations of virility left behind by invading or retreating armies."

"The assumption that virility or courage (whatever may be meant by these terms) will disappear if not practiced in this form of war implies an unproven and apparently false biological assumption, namely, that functions not practiced or organs not used will disappear in the offspring."

SISTER OF HOLY CROSS DEAD.

Mary St. Francis Regis Succumbs at St. Albans—24 Years Old.

St. Albans, Dec. 24.—Sister Mary St. Francis Regis of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, died yesterday at the Sherwood sanatorium following an operation. She was 24 years old. A requiem mass was sung at the Holy Angels' church this morning. Rev. L. R. Desrochers officiating. The body was taken to the mother house at St. Laurent, near Montreal, where the funeral services will be held Saturday morning.

Sister St. Francis Regis is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Walsh of Montreal, and a brother, James, who is now on his way to England to fight with the allies. She had been in St. Albans for two years.

DIED AT AGE OF 98.

Mrs. Elmira Bucknam of Pittsford Mills Was 111 Short Time.

Pittsford, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Elmira Bucknam died at her home at Pittsford Mills yesterday after a short illness. She was born in Rutland 98 years ago last April and had lived in Pittsford between 60 and 70 years. In 1844 she was married to James Bucknam of this place.

Mrs. Bucknam is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Alice Norton and Miss Marion A. Bucknam of this place, with whom she lived. The funeral will be held at the house at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

MEADOW BROOK DANCE.

"Old Year Farewell" Was Held Last Evening.

Eighty couples attended the "old year farewell" dance of the Meadow Brook Golf club in Clan Gordon hall last evening. The assembly was one of a series arranged by the club for the winter months and an enjoyable evening was spent. A local orchestra played for the dancers and at intermission a number of the younger members assisted in serving a luncheon. The hall was attractively decorated for the occasion. The committee included the following members of the club: George Brands, Arthur Pirie, Joseph Fraser, Harry Liveland and Alexander Kesson.

MANIAC OVERPOWERED.

After Having Shot a Physician in Baltimore.

Baltimore, Dec. 30.—After defying for six hours efforts of a score of policemen and a number of residents of Gwynns, a suburb, to take him, George C. Gantz, 32 years old, who in a fit of insanity yesterday morning shot his physician, Dr. George A. Hoeking, was captured late yesterday.

Dr. Hoeking was wounded in the arm and shoulder, but not seriously. Gantz' face was cut by small shot and broken glass.

EXPLANATORY NOTE HELD UP

Pres. Wilson Said to Have Sent Second Statement to Belligerents

GERMANY'S LETTER CHANGED PLANS

Because It Showed That Germany Was Not Influenced by "Misconceptions"

Berlin, Dec. 29, via London, Dec. 30.—It has been learned that a few days ago President Wilson sent a second note, explanatory of the first, to the central powers and the entente nations. This note has not been presented.

The reason for withholding the second note is said to be that the German reply received in the interim showed that the government had not been influenced by "misconceptions" regarding the purpose and aims of President Wilson's step, which an unfriendly press in both camps attributed thereto.

LANSING SILENT

When Quizzed About Story of Second Note to Belligerents.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Secretary Lansing today declined to discuss the report that a second note, explaining the president's peace note, had been sent to the belligerents. Other officials, however, said they were sure no second note had been sent.

U. S. GOVERNMENT EXPLAINS FIRST NOTE

Says There Were Three Chief Points on Which It Was Based and Is Surprised at Misunderstanding By Entente Press.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—The American government, it became known authoritatively today, believes there are three principal points to its note to the belligerents and is surprised that they have not been more clearly understood, particularly by the press of the entente.

These points, taken in the order of their importance from the administration viewpoint, are: First, the fear that the position of the neutral nations be rendered altogether intolerable if the war continues. Second, the suggestion that arrangements be made as a guarantee against similar contests in the future. Third, proposals that means be found of comparing the concrete peace terms of both sides.

The last point aroused the most comment. The administration, however, it was learned today, thought the suggestion for an arrangement to preserve future peace would attract more attention among the entente than it apparently has and furnish the means through which these nations could enter with perfect equality into a serious peace discussion. If such arrangements could be made the administration feels that there would be no ground for a fear that agreements over the terms made between the belligerents would not be kept after the war. It was pointed out that such a fear has been one of the main objections of the entente to entering discussions of peace.

MRS. PRARIO'S FUNERAL

Was Held Friday Afternoon, with Interment in Catholic Cemetery.

Funeral services for Mrs. Rosa Prario of North Main street, whose death on Wednesday evening followed a paralytic shock, were held in St. Mary's church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the parish priest, Rev. P. M. McKenna, officiating. Countrymen of the deceased, headed by Dr. Valz, acted as an escort while the body was being removed from Mrs. Prario's apartment in the Sanguinetti building to the church and afterward accompanied the remains to the Catholic cemetery in Beckley street, where interment was made. There were numerous floral tributes.

BURIAL AT ST. SYLVESTER'S.

Funeral of Anthony Donahue Was Held at Graniteville.

The funeral of Anthony Donahue, an aged resident of Graniteville, whose death Wednesday evening removed a former well known merchant of Barre Town, was held in St. Sylvester's church this morning at 9 o'clock, the parish priest, Rev. Joseph Turcot, officiating. The bearers were: Peter Murphy, Joseph LeTourneau, William Mitchell, John G. McLeod, William Earl and Frank Mitchell. There were many floral tributes. Interment was in St. Sylvester's cemetery, near South Barre.

FOUR ENGINES DAMAGED.

In \$40,000 Roundhouse Fire at Newport.

Newport, Dec. 30.—Fire broke out in the Boston & Maine roundhouse yesterday and destroyed one section of the building. The section contained seven engines, three of which were removed without injury. The fire was of unknown origin and at one time assumed alarming proportions, but was subdued before spreading. The loss was about \$40,000.

FORMERLY OF BURLINGTON.

Dr. Claude L. Wheeler, Editor of New York Medical Journal, Dead.

New York, Dec. 30.—Dr. Claude L. Wheeler, editor of the New York Medical Journal since 1909 and a former practicing physician in Burlington, Vt., died today. He was born in Montreal in 1864.

THOUGHT SMALL SAW THE BODY

Of His Wife as It Lay Burning in the Cellar of Their Cottage

WITNESS TOLD IN MURDER TRIAL

Another Testified About Small's Contrivance to Illuminate Clock

Ossipee, N. H., Dec. 30.—Further testimony regarding the visit of Frederick L. Small to the ruins of his cottage at Mountain View, where he is alleged to have killed his wife and fired the house to conceal the crime, was given today at Small's trial on the charge of murder.

E. C. Conner also identified as Small's handiwork the inventory found in the latter's bag. No mention is made in the list of jewelry. Mrs. Conner identified the jewelry found in the ruins as belonging to Mrs. Small.

Dr. John L. Bacon, a Southboro physician, told of an electrical device arranged by Small to illuminate a clock in his home at that place. Frank A. Ferron, who was with Small at the ruins, testified he thought Small saw the burning body of his wife in the cellar.

CRIBBAGE CLUB DANCE.

So Great a Success That It Will Be Repeated Annually.

Cribbage players of Barre who are afflicted with the Barre Cribbage club made merry in Worthen hall last evening, the occasion being the first annual jollification of the club. With what success the affair was attended one may judge from the fact that the club at an impromptu business session this morning voted to complete the calendar of each succeeding year with a repetition of last night's gathering. Forty couples were in attendance and the guest list included a number of cribbage enthusiasts who have yet to enroll in the organization. The affair took the nature of a dancing assembly, but there was an interesting musical program and in the interim a substantial buffet luncheon was served.

Among those who contributed vocal solos were the following: Mrs. Thomas Ingram, Mrs. Joseph Will, Miss Elizabeth Stephen, Sandy Anderson, the Peterhead comic, George Taylor, William Melvin, Alexander Reid, William Still, William Brodie and John Watkins. William Mitchell acted as floor manager while the dancing was in progress and in an interval between dances Mr. Brodie introduced an original sketch in which his well known torporificance, proclivities and singing were featured. All of those who contributed to the program were liberally applauded and none was allowed to retire from the platform without an encore. A variety of dainty edibles was included in the luncheon menu, which was appetizingly served by a committee consisting of Mrs. Harper Mitchell, Mrs. Charles A. Keith and Mrs. John Jarvis.

The committee in charge of the affair was made up as follows: George Taylor, chairman, Charles A. Keith, secretary and treasurer, William Melvin, Alexander Reid, John Jarvis, Harper Mitchell and Alexander Anderson.

GIRLS WERE LEADERS.

In Two Departments at Goddard Seminary During Fall Term.

The rank list for the fall term at Goddard seminary was announced today by Principal Hollister, showing that Frances McWilliams of Graniteville led in the regular course with a percentage of 90.8, while Josephine Luchini of Barre was at the head in the commercial department, with 96 per cent. The two lists are as follows:

Regular Course.
1, Frances McWilliams, Graniteville, 90.8; 2, Everett Wallis, Waitsfield, 95.7; 3, Shirley Gibson, Meriden, Conn., 95.7; 4, Rachel Hollister, Barre, 95.4; 5, Julia Stanton, Paterson, N. J., 95.3; 6, Gladys Hassam, Bethel, 95.1; 7, Doris Morrison, Graniteville, 94.8; 8, Anna Turner, Warren, 93.9; 9, Carroll Strong, Montpelier, 93.2; 10, Eloise Bailey, Graniteville, 93.

Commercial Department.
1, Josephine Luchini, Barre, 96; 2, Mildred Stowe, Barre, 95.7; 3, Annie Peduzzi, Barre, 94.8; 4, Christina Pirie, Graniteville, 94.8; 5, Lena Seaver, Whitesboro, 94.7; 6, Oscar Boyce, Barre, 94.5; 7, Esther Bianchi, Barre, 94.5; 8, Vivian Baker, Barre, 94.5; 9, Emma Corti, Barre, 94.3; 10, Marian Martin, Plainfield, 94.2; 11, Carrie Calcagni, Barre, 94.2; 12, Earle Winter, Barre, 94.2; 13, Lillian Halsall, Barre, 94.1; 14, Angie Movalli, Barre, 93.9; 15, Olive Smith, Barre, 93; 16, Christina Smollett, Barre, 93; 17, Angelina Locarno, East Barre, 93.

LAWYERS' PLANS FOR TUESDAY.

Annual Meeting, Formal Exercises and Then a Banquet.

The arrangements for the annual meeting of the Vermont Bar association at Montpelier next Tuesday are practically completed. The business session will be held at the county courthouse beginning at 3 o'clock and will be followed by the formal exercises at 7 o'clock, with Pres. John W. Gordon delivering the annual president's address and the presentation of memorial sketches. The banquet will be held at the Pavilion hotel at 9:15.

The toastmaster at the banquet will be S. Hollister Jackson of Barre, and the speakers will include Gov. Charles W. Gates, Gov.-elect Horace F. Graham, Hon. M. Oscar Dorais, K. C. of the Montreal bar, Chief Justice Loveland Munson, ex-Chief Judge John W. Rowell, Hon. F. C. Archibald, Judge W. H. Taylor and Hon. M. C. Webber. In addition to the speaking letters will be read from United States Senator W. P. Dillingham, Judge Wendell P. Stafford, ex-Judge John M. Tyler and others.

PROPOSED RULES FOR LEGISLATURE

Revision Has Been Completed and the Matter Will Be Put in the Hands of the Legislature at Once.

The committee created by the joint resolution adopted by the general assembly of 1915 to revise the joint rules, the rules of the Senate, of the House and the manual of parliamentary practice as contained in the present legislative manual and make report to the 1917 general assembly, has completed its work and copies of the report will be mailed to the members of the general assembly today. The committee was made up of Hale K. Darling, president of the Senate, Guy M. Page, secretary of the Senate, John E. Weeks, speaker of the House, and Harry A. Black, clerk of the House.

In formulating the draft of rules, the committee endeavored to re-arrange the existing rules as to bring into proximity those provisions relating to the same subject matter and to separate each subject matter into divisions with appropriate titles; to incorporate such amendments to the rules as will in the opinion of the committee expedite the business of the general assembly or furnish opportunity for more careful consideration.

The more important changes in procedure provided for by the proposed rules are a revision of the methods of committee work, a calendar for the entire day rather than for each half day, a plan to avoid recalling bills from the governor, a more convenient form for bills and a more logical time of reading them, a definition of the functions and course of a joint resolution, obviating the necessity for many formal resolutions and a restriction on useless reconsideration.

The report suggests as a means of a revision of the methods of committee work a slight rearrangement of committees and the abolition of joint committees, provision for stated regular meetings of committees, provision for committee records and an extension of the powers of the committee on appropriation.

It is proposed to combine all the work for the day in one calendar and to continue in session until noon and to convene again at 1:30 o'clock, by which method it is believed work can be completed by three o'clock and the remaining hours devoted to committee work. It is proposed to call the calendar at the beginning of the day, at which time members will indicate those matters likely to give rise to debate or amendment. It is believed that this will forward much routine business.

Many times in the course of a session errors which require amendment are discovered by the executive department. It has been the practice for years to recall such bills from the governor, amend them, and return them to him or upon reconsideration to refuse their passage. This method is entirely extra-legal, as stated in the report of the committee, and there is grave question but that it is entirely illegal. In the opinion of the committee if a copy of the measure goes to the governor and the original is withheld for three days, there will be ample opportunity for him to suggest legislative action before the original bill is delivered to him and the recall will be unnecessary.

It is proposed to have all bills printed before introducing them and the original bills printed from the same type as the members' copies. It is proposed to read the bill in full the second time as soon as it is reported favorably by a committee or when the adverse report of a committee is rejected. All amendments are to be presented at this time. The bill having been read in full and the amendments inserted, the third reading may generally be by title.

The committee reports that a joint resolution should not be used to perform the functions of a bill, as it has been many times in the past. It is proposed to prohibit this by rule and to prescribe for what purpose joint resolutions may be used and what joint resolutions shall be referred to committees and require executive approval.

Under the present rules it is necessary to adopt various joint resolutions for joint canvassing committees which are required by statute. It is proposed to do away with the necessity for these joint resolutions by inserting the text as usually drawn in joint rules. The committee recommends the passage of a bill which will allow the representatives' hall and the Senate chamber to be used for no purpose but legislation or business connected therewith, except as the two Houses may by joint rule provide.

The committee also recommends the adoption of a joint rule giving the joint standing committee permission to use either legislative chamber for other than statutory purposes at its own discretion.

The committee also recommends that no measure be reconsidered unless upon a three-fourths vote. This will leave ample opportunity for a reconsideration that may be necessary because of an obvious error, but will not encourage attempts to reconsider merely because the original vote was close.

NEW GAS SUPERINTENDENT.

Joseph M. Nelson Succeeds Luther M. Pease, Resigned.

A change in the management of the People's Lighting, Heating & Power Co. became effective today when Joseph M. Nelson of Academy street was advanced to the position of superintendent, succeeding Luther M. Pease, who has acted in that capacity for the past three years. Mr. Pease recently received an appointment as first assistant to the manager of the New Bedford, Mass., Gas and Edison Lighting Co. With Mrs. Pease he will assume his new duties Tuesday. Mr. Pease came to Barre in 1913, succeeding J. S. M. Wharton, and during his tenure of office the company's annual receipts have been materially increased.

There is reason to believe that his progressive policy will be continued by Supt. Nelson, who enters upon his managerial duties with plenty of first-hand knowledge of the gas business. Mr. Nelson has been in the employ of the People's Lighting, Heating & Power Co. for the past nine years, during which period he has gained a practical working knowledge of the business. His present advance is in the nature of a deserved promotion.

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Miss Gladys N. Gale Gave First of a Series of Talks.

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A paper giving historical notes on the development of the organ and much valuable information concerning this by us too little understood and thus too seldom enjoyed instrument was first given, followed by a recital of great merit. The program included numbers from the compositions of Bach, Schumann, Nevin (E. and G. B.), Drala, Boellmann and Salome. The rendering of this program by Miss Gale showed fine musical comprehension, technical ability and tonal coloring, while special praise should be awarded the fugue playing. She was assisted by Mrs. Edwin Bruce of Barre, who gave two violin numbers in her usual charming manner.

COW OWNERS GET TOGETHER

Meetings Were Held To-day in Nearly Every County in New England

CO-OPERATION IS BEING SOUGHT

Results to Be Taken Before New England Milk Producers' Association

An enthusiastic meeting of Washington county farmers was held at the Montpelier city hall to-day at the same time that similar meetings were being held in nearly every other county in New England, the purpose being to organize the milk producers into county associations and local associations with a view to getting the benefits accruing from the efforts of the New England Milk Producers' association. There were about 75 persons present, representing 16 of the 20 cities and towns of this county.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 o'clock by E. C. Maxham of Middlesex, the president of the Montpelier union of milk producers. Soon afterwards Mark Moody of Waterbury was elected chairman and M. J. Corliss of Berlin secretary of the conference. The organization having been concluded, the farmers listened to E. H. Hallett of St. Johnsbury, who is organizer for the New England Milk Producers' association. Mr. Hallett spoke at some length, telling of the losses sustained from poor commission facilities and asking the farmers to organize as the only way to get their share of the returns from their products.

M. L. Towne of Barre, president of the Barre Producers' association, next addressed the meeting, telling of the organization of the Barre association and of the benefits derived. James B. Estee of Montpelier gave a talk on market conditions, in which he was particularly interested because he is chairman of the Greater Vermont committee to assist Vermont farmers in marketing their products. Mr. Estee urged further co-operation.

At 12:30 the meeting adjourned for dinner, and on its reconvening the farmers were addressed by F. H. Abbott of Barre, agent of the Washington County Farm bureau, C. A. Badger of East Montpelier, E. C. Maxham of Middlesex and others. The members present showed a great deal of interest in the movement to form local unions and the county association. Waterbury, Barre and Berlin were the places which were best represented at the meeting. The association of Washington county milk producers will work in conjunction with the New England Milk Producers' association, and the members of the local unions will be members of the New England association on complying with the stipulations.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 30.—Meetings of cow owners were held in nearly every county of New England to-day in response to the appeal. Sections of six states are regarded as represented. The purpose of the gatherings was to formulate plans for the thorough organization of New England producers, with the idea of bringing about a greater co-operation among farmers and placing the dairy business on a more profitable basis.

The result of to-day's discussion will be laid before the annual meeting of the New England Milk Producers' association next month. It is estimated that there are 800,000 cows in New England owned by 200,000 farmers.

FIVE FIREMAN APPLICATIONS.

All the Candidates Are Said to Have High Rating.

At city hall this forenoon the aldermanic fire committee assembled to consider the examination papers submitted by five candidates who appeared at the public examination in the council chamber last evening. Applications were for two positions in the regular fire department, which were created recently by the city council. This afternoon it was stated that the ratings given all five applicants were unusually high and that all of them seemed well qualified to enlist in the department. Of the five names presented, three will be submitted to Mayor Gordon and from the three His Honor will select two for appointments.

It is the purpose of the council to increase the manual force of the department as soon as possible and it is probable that appointments will be offered by the mayor for confirmation at the regular monthly meeting of the council Tuesday evening.

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